





Share with us in the chat:

1. Your name & where you are joining us from
2. What you are grateful for

History of GIVEN



- 2015 Year of Consecrated Life and Hilton Foundation grant
- 2016 Forum and launch of first cohort of alumnae and their Action Plans
- 2018 Synod of Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment

“[We] are looking for companions on the journey, to be embraced by faithful men and women who express the truth and allow young people to articulate their understanding of faith and their vocation. We strongly feel that we are ready to be leaders, who can grow and be taught by the older members of the Church, by religious and lay women and men.” ~ Young People across the Universal Church

- 2018 Incorporation of The GIVEN Institute and launch of The Art of Accompaniment Mentoring Program
- 2018 Publication of **Unrepeatable: Cultivating the Unique Calling of Every Person** by Dr. Joshua Miller and Luke Burgis

People use the word "vocation" in many different ways, though, to refer to different aspects of calling. "Personal vocation" is the spirit that animates all of them -- the way they are lived out. Personal vocation does not sit beside them: it comes before, after, above, and below them.

When I describe personal vocation, some Catholics immediately stop me and say, "Oh, you are talking about 'little v' vocation, not 'big V' vocation." They usually mean that "big V" vocation (the more important vocation, presumably -- because it's big) is "state in life," while 'little v' is some more specific duty inside of it. This is NOT what we are saying! First of all, it's reductionist and confusing to bifurcate vocation into two levels -- "little v" and "big V". This implies that there are really two vocations -- one more important than the other, or, at best, one lived out "within" or "after" the other one -- and it destroys the unity of life that leads one down the path of vocation in the first place. God calls the WHOLE PERSON, not the "big Person" and the "little person." Again, personal vocation is the fundamental call that strikes at the heart of the person, without which every other call is unintelligible.

Personal vocation is the way each unique person was created and is called to give and receive love in the world.

- 2019 Release of Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation: **Christus Vivit**

*"Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself, becoming what the Lord wished to dream and create, and not a photocopy. Your life ought to be a prophetic stimulus to others and leave a mark on this world, **the unique mark that only you can leave.** Whereas if you simply copy someone else, you will deprive this earth, and heaven too, of something that no one else can offer." ~ Pope Francis*

- 2019 Forum and integration of lay mentors
- 2020 Discover the Gift online event, launch of GIVEN Academy and Gatherings
- 2021 Forum and announcement of partnership with OSV Innovation Challenge
- 2022 Forum in Philadelphia, integration of lay women as volunteers (predominantly alumnae), and announcement of partnership with The Inscape Center for Personal Vocation



GIVEN activates the gifts of women for the Catholic Church and the world. Through leadership training, faith formation, and dedicated mentoring, GIVEN forms women for mission and for life.

GIVEN believes that Catholic female leaders are those disciples of Jesus Christ who, receptive to the grace of God the Father and boldly responding to the Holy Spirit, become fruitful for the Kingdom through lives of prayer, virtue and giving of themselves and their gifts in service of others.



A GIVEN Mentor is

- Committed to her own spiritual growth in Christ
- Provides wisdom and accompaniment from her own lived experiences
- Available to support through 1:1 meetings/conversations after the Forum
- Encouragement as a Spiritual Mother

Expectations

- Participation in our virtual trainings
- On-site accompaniment and active presence during the Forum
- Once paired with mentee(s), diligent accompaniment during the year for personal, professional and spiritual support
- Monthly meetings from August 2022-April 2023
- Use of the training given by Dr. Miller to help the young woman discover the gift that only she can give
- Prompt response in requested feedback

Outcomes of the Mentoring Year

- Spiritual and professional formation of the next generation of young women
- Increased involvement of young female leaders in the life of the Church
- Deployment of hundreds of Action Plans into the world
- Personal transformation in the hearts of all attendees, including the mentors
- Mutual activation of our feminine gifts and genius

Vulnerable Adults

Exploitation, Harassment and/or Abuse

Self-Injurious Behavior and/or Self-Harm

Reporting

Documentation

Resources

Healthy boundaries and future interaction

1. Training from Dorrie and Darilyn
2. Training from Josh on fulfillment stories and integration with Action Plans
3. MCODE Assessment is a gift to you!
4. Letter to Women opportunity for returning mentors
5. Suggested reading and consecration prayers
6. Prayer time and Fr. Burn's conferences prior to young women's arrival
7. Training with Josh in Philadelphia and discussion of MCODE results, assignment of Forum roles, Action Plan Strategy support

Variety of Mentor Roles

- Small Group Leaders
- Spiritual Directors
- Mental Health Professionals
- Medical Professionals
- Prayer Team
- Liturgy Team

Room and Board, Travel, Health and Safety etc.

Mentor Timeline



Training and Formation:

April 19 – Online Training

May 3 – Online Training

**May 17 – Online Training

**May 31 – Online Training

**June 14 – Online Training

June 19-20 – Mentor Arrival and
Mass with Archbishop Perez

June 20-21 In-Person Training

*All online sessions are 8pm ET

** Optional for returning mentors

Art of Accompaniment Mentoring Year:

Mentee pairings are done in July
2022

1:1 dedicated mentoring
scheduled between August
2022-April 2023

Virtual Check-ins with GIVEN
Staff in Fall and Spring

Evaluations in December and
April

QUESTIONS??

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